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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Group Art Unit: 2800

BERNARD BRINKHAUS

Serial No. 10/517,606

Filed: December 21, 2004

For: SPINAL COLUMN SUPPORT SYSTEM

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed February 27, 2007, Applicant notes the following:

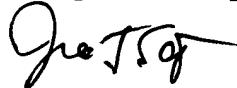
The Notice states that amended paragraphs do not include markings, and makes particular reference to the changes made to page 3, lines 22-24. However, the direction to delete lines 22-24 on page 3 was a direction to delete an entire paragraph. No markings are necessary when an entire paragraph is to be deleted.

Regarding the alleged amendment to the drawings which were not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet", Applicant states that no amendments were to be made to the drawings. The "drawings" which were

submitted with the Amendment were actually exhibits to be considered by the Examiner; no direction was made in the Amendment to add drawings to the application.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the Amendment of February 27, 2007, was entirely compliant.

Respectfully submitted,



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